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Fill in the correct tense



Mr Sam P. Know-All is a private detective in a small town in northern Canada. He ..... **(open)** his office a couple of years ago and so far he ..... **(solve)** a number of cases.

Two years ago, for example, Mr and Mrs Kittsy ..... **(ask)** him to find their cat, which ..... **(be)** missing for quite some time, and Mr Plague ..... **(not find)** his precious stamp collection any more. While Sam ..... **(look)** for the stamps, he ..... **(come)** across a group of burglars and he ..... **(not only blow)** their cover but also ..... **(tell)** the police where to find them. Since that day Sam ..... **(be)** the most respected private detective in that area.

Another successful case for Sam ..... **(happen)** just a couple of months ago. The local police asked him to catch some sprayers. One day when Sam ..... **(jog)** through the park he ..... **(suddenly see)** a group of teenagers who ..... **(sit)** in the grass, all having paint on their clothes, hands and even their faces. The detective ..... **(think)** that was really odd and ..... **(start)** observing them. After he ..... **(watch)** them for a couple of days, he ..... **(tell)** everything he ..... **(find)** out to the police. Only some days later the police ..... **(be)** able to close that case!

Sam ..... **(usually work)** alone. He ..... **(not only make)** all the phone calls and paperwork, he also ..... **(observe)** his suspects and he ..... **(take)** nightshifts. However, at the moment he ..... **(work)** on a very tricky case and that's why he ..... **(have)** a partner since last Friday. So far, Benjamin K. Helpful ..... **(prove)** to be a good assistant. He ..... **(not only keep)** the office in order, but he ..... **(also do)** all the boring work like going through a number of evidence material. Since 7:00 in the morning he ..... **(analyse)** photographs and witness reports but he ..... **(not find)** anything strange or odd yet. Hopefully they will be able to solve this case, too!

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Form questions and negations of the sentences given. Mind the tenses!

1. Sam P. Know-All works as a teacher.

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2. Sam and his assistant were jogging through the forest.

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3. Benjamin has been watching TV for ages.

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4. The police arrested an old man.

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5. At the moment Benjamin is observing some suspects.

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6. The teenagers stole the stamps.

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7. Sam always has a case to solve.

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8. They are helping the police.

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9. Benjamin was talking to Mrs Kittsy.

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10. They have already found the culprit.

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